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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (New) A recording apparatus comprising:

reproduction means for reproducing digital data from a standard compact disc;

a control circuit for searching an internal memory of said apparatus to determine when digital data from the standard compact disc is present on the internal memory; and

a recording means for writing the digital data from the standard compact disc to the internal memory only when the control circuit has determined that the digital data from the standard compact disc is not present on the internal memory.

claim 10 (New) The recording apparatus of claim 9, wherein the internal memory additionally contains at least one control table for storing at least a write source of the digital data and a write position of the digital data on the internal memory and wherein,

the control circuit searches the internal memory to

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determine when digital data from the standard compact disc is present on the internal memory by searching the control table.

Claim 11 (New) The recording apparatus of claim 9, wherein the internal memory is a hard disk drive.

Claim 12 (New) The recording apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising a display means connected to the control circuit, wherein

when the control circuit has determined that the digital data from the standard compact disc is not present on the internal memory, the display means displays information indicating that the compact disc has already been recorded and the digital data is reproduced from the internal memory.

Claim 13 (New) The recording apparatus of claim 9, additionally comprising a data compression and encoder circuit for compressing the digital data from the compact disc so that when the digital data is written from the standard compact disc to the internal memory, the digital data may be compressed to occupy less space on the internal memory.

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